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### Bread Shortage in Petrich

1. During February 1955 the sale of bread was restricted. Each Petrich inhabitant was allowed to buy 600 grams of bread every 24 hours, while farmers who came to work in Petrich were permitted to buy only 500 grams. 25X1
2. According to the authorities in Petrich, the bread rationing was necessary because the urban (sic) and rural population fed their hogs and other live-stock with the bread which they bought in excess of their needs. 25X1
3. For each decare of sown tobacco, tobacco producers received 16 kilograms of flour for bread. Cotton producers received 300 grams of flour and 300 grams of fodder after they had delivered one kilogram of cotton.
4. Only white flour was sold on the free market. One kilogram of white flour cost five leva. 25X1
5. Bread prices in Petrich were as follows:
  - a. Ordinary bread 1.50 leva per kilogram;
  - b. 2nd quality bread 2.10 leva per kilogram; and
  - c. White bread 3.00 leva per kilogram.

### Early Spring Harvest in the Petrich Area

6. The early spring harvest proceeded satisfactorily. However, during the second half of April 1955 there was frost which damaged much of the crops. Fifty percent of some tomato crops was damaged; 10 percent of tobacco crops,

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80 percent of Kyustendil plums, 70 percent of peaches, 90 percent of apricots, and 50 percent of early beans were damaged. 25X1

7. Wheat, rye, and barley were in excellent condition and an abundant harvest was expected. The same applied to vegetable gardens after the damaged tomatoes were removed. Spring crops, such as corn and late beans are also expected to be abundant.

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